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SURVEY ON STOP-LIGHT CAMERAS POSTED ON HOY'S WEB SITE

INDIANAPOLIS -- State Rep. Phil Hoy (D-Evansville) is taking a survey to gauge local feelings about legislation that would enable communities to install cameras at intersections to catch traffic offenders.

The survey is designed to get reactions to Senate Bill 570, which would allow for the installation of automated cameras that take photos of cars as they run through red lights. The legislation would establish a pilot program in no more than 10 cities around the state.

The survey asks two questions. The first asks whether or not the respondent supports the installation of cameras at intersections to photograph cars as they run through red lights. The second question asks if the respondent would like Evansville to be one of the 10 cities included in the pilot program.

The survey can be accessed at Rep. Hoy's Web site, www.in.gov/H77. Responses can also be submitted by calling the Statehouse toll free at 800-382-9842 or writing to Rep. Phil Hoy, Indiana House of Representatives, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

"I am very interested about how the people in my district feel about this issue," said Hoy. "I am concerned about government intrusion into the privacy of our lives and I want to see how my constituents feel. This bill also brings up important safety issues. If drivers are looking for cameras when they go through an intersection, will they be paying enough attention to the traffic around them?"

Senate Bill 570 will be heard in the House Roads and Transportation Committee, which includes Hoy, on Monday, March 21.

"Where will this intrusion end? I am concerned about this loss of privacy," said Hoy. "How much of our private lives are we willing to give up in order to ensure road safety, or anything else?"